



CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. WAXMAN NEWS

2444 RAYBURN H.O.B
8425 WEST 3rd STREET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90048

202-225-3976
213-651-1040

Washington Report
by HENRY A. WAXMAN
Congressman, 24th C.D.

August 23, 1982

REPORTER CLOSING A BLOW TO OUR COMMUNITY

Though I have never had any financial interest or managerial role in the Waxman Reporter Publications, these papers have played a role in my life since earliest childhood.

As a youngster, I took tremendous pride in what my late uncle, Al S. Waxman, and my aunt Ruth had accomplished for our community. Many of my own feelings about the Democratic Party and progressive government came directly either from the paper or from my aunt and uncle.

The Reporter Publications began in Boyle Heights as the "Eastside Journal." In those days the Los Angeles Times was not the first-rate, balanced, nationally recognized paper it is today. Years ago, the Times was a narrow, partisan, reactionary publication whose news columns were often as blatantly slanted as its editorials. Most of the other papers were no better. My uncle stood up against The Times and every other right-wing force--no matter how big.

The Waxman Publications were resolute in support of the Democratic Party, the trade union movement (in a town which was known as perociously anti-labor), ethnic minorities--blacks, Jews, and Latinos--who were the victims of an openly prejudiced power elite. My aunt, Ruth Waxman Faierman, worked on the paper for an incredible 48 years. At one time or another, she personally handled every task required to publish the paper.

After my uncle's untimely passing, many were skeptical about the future of the Reporter Publications. Their doubts were unjustified. As long as was humanly possible, Ruth Waxman Faierman saw to it that the paper came out every week. She maintained the high standards she and my uncle had held to all through the years. The news columns were open to every charity, every political group, and every candidate with a legitimate message for the community. Elected officials like myself were given free space each week to report to our constituents.

Over the years many voters came to count on the Reporter Publi-